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From: Commanding General, Marine Corps Recruiting Command

Subj: CHANGE IN OBLIGATED SERVICE REQUIREMENT FOR NAVAL AVIATORS

Ref: (a) MCO 1100.73B Military Personnel Procurement Manual
(Short Title: MPPM OFFPROC)

1. Purpose. To notify all levels of the Marine Corps Recruiting Command and NETC, of a change in obligated service requirement for Naval Aviators.

2. Background. In 1999 Deputy Commandant for Aviation requested Deputy Commandant for Manpower and Reserve Affairs to increase the initial contract obligation for KC-130 pilots from 6 to 8 years. This request was approved by DC M&RA on 7 Feb 2000 but detailed instructions for the implementation of this decision were not provided to commissioning sources. This change will be instituted in the next review of the reference.

3. Information. The purpose of this change is to standardize payback tours for all fixed-wing pilot MOS's. The increased contract payback period complements the timetable of the Aviation Continuation Pay. KC-130 pilots will become eligible for promotion to major while serving payback tours under an 8 year contract. Pilots become eligible for ACP at the rank of major, this provides a timely incentive to remain on active duty.

4. Action. Effective immediately commissioning sources are directed to pen-change respective Naval Aviator Service agreements to read "ninety-six months from the date of my successful completion of flight training as a fixed-wing aircraft pilot." Commissioning sources are to line out the word "jet" and have the applicant initial above the lined out word. Candidates and Midshipman currently under contract as Naval Aviators do not require but may be offered the opportunity to exercise a new service agreement.

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